

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2007**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**JAN 30 2014**

RE: S.B. No. 2544  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2544 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow only original household members to retain a federal housing voucher under the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's housing choice voucher program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Institute for Human Services, Blueprint for Change, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Community Alliance for Mental Health.

Your Committee finds that the housing choice voucher program currently allows individuals who receive a housing voucher to keep the voucher or pass it along to family members or friends even when the original household members no longer live in the household. This measure prevents family members and friends from inheriting housing vouchers and thereby circumventing the waitlist for a housing voucher by requiring original household members to return their voucher when all original members no longer live in the household. The measure allows minors who survive the original

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household member and were added to the household to retain the voucher until the last minor reaches the age of twenty-one.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2544, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2544, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
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